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## ABSTRACT:

A method and system for dynamically wedging data received from one or more automatic data collection ("ADC") devices on an ADC device platform into a destination application based upon wedging criteria. A dynamic wedge receives data from one or more ADC devices and automatically wedges the data into applications based upon user-provided data characteristics or a predetermined set of rules. Applicable wedging criteria used to route data include those that are user-composed and those that pertain to firmware or software characteristics. The dynamic wedge may comprise an ADC data server, ADC device handlers, ADC protocol handlers, and a wedging grid for retaining wedging directives. The ADC data server receives wedging

directives from local and remote client applications and stores the wedging directives in the wedging grid. When data arrives from an ADC device, the ADC data server analyzes the data to determine its characteristics. The ADC data server compares the identified characteristics against the wedging directives stored in the wedging grid. The ADC data server then determines for which clients a match has been found. For those clients for which a match has been found, the ADC data server then performs the wedging directive in order to dispose properly of the received ADC data.

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